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\$380m. CHEQUE FORGERY IN S'HAJ BANK

Shanghai, Dec. 7.
The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank—one of the largest private institutions of its kind in China—was defrauded of CN\$380,000,000 yesterday when, soon after the bank had opened for business, a Chinese presented a cheque purported to be drawn by a foreign oil company.

The forgery was detected only after the man had got the cash and left—Reuter.

Cashier Hit Bandit Under Chin

Shortly after 9.30 p.m. yesterday Wong Pak-sung (19), entered a small restaurant at No. 141, Hennessy Road, and ordered \$1.20 worth of food.

The customer was given the bill after he had finished his meal and went to the counter apparently to pay.

Instead of paying, he asked the accountant to hand him \$300.

The accountant promptly punched him under the chin.

The customer thereupon produced a revolver, but before he could make any use of it, he was pronounced upon.

A struggle ensued but the man managed to escape and ran out of the shop.

A Police Sergeant Yuen Shih-sat and three constables outside gave chase and arrested him in Thomson Road.

China Rejects Red Plan For Jap Peace

Nanking, Dec. 7.
Foreign Office sources today revealed that the Chinese Government rejected on December 4th and flatly rejected the Soviet proposal for a special Big Four session in January in China to discuss the Japanese peace treaty.

The Chinese note reiterated the original Chinese suggestion for 11 nations of the Far Eastern Commission to discuss the settlement with the Pacific Big Four retaining "veto" privileges.

However, the note said that China is willing to make preparation to hold preliminary talks in this country if the Big Four agree to the Chinese proposal.—United Press.

Siamese King Will Return In March

Lausanne, Switzerland, Dec. 7.
King Phumiphon Aduldet of Siam, who came of age on Friday, will return to Siam next March to attend the cremation of his brother, the late King Ananda Mahidol, who was killed by a revolver shot last year.

A friend of King Phumiphon's said that this had been tentatively arranged after consultation with a special messenger sent by the new Siamese Government.

The king, he added, hoped afterwards to return to Lausanne to continue his three-year law course at the university here, but his decision would depend on events in Siam.

Swiss police guards last night

Jerusalem, Dec. 7.
Pamphlets distributed throughout Jerusalem's Old City today by an Arab underground organisation said that Arab "Holy War" men were now ready for military action.

The pamphlet, however, condemned "irresponsible undisciplined action by Arab crowds." They said that the organisation had set up the first Arab secret radio transmitter in the Holy Land but did not describe on what wave length it was broadcasting.

It was also announced officially that the High Commissioner (Sir Alan Cunningham) has conferred with David Ben-Gurion, Jewish Agency Executive Chairman, and Dr. Hussein Khalidi, Arab Executive Secretary on "matters concerning the withdrawal of the civil administration and the British military from Palestine."

"I'm Amazed"

Meanwhile, in Cairo, Premier Salah Gabr of Iraq warned today the Arabs will be obliged to resist the partition of Palestine against any force coming from any direction.

Salah Gabr, in an exclusive interview, said Arabs will oppose partition at "whatever cost."

"I am amazed that Americans, who are opposing the expansion of Communist influence throughout the world, especially in the Middle East, should take such an action in regard to Palestine which would only result in the spread of Communist influence here. They will lose the friendship of

CONFIDENT HE CAN GET U SAW FREED

Rangoon, Dec. 6.
He was confident that he would secure the acquittal of U. Saw, Mr. Derek Curtis-Bennett, K.C. said today on his arrival from London.

The former Burmese Premier is accused on charges relating to the assassination last July of Burmese Cabinet Ministers including Aung San, the Prime Minister.

Mr. Curtis-Bennett, who will probably meet U. Saw tomorrow before the special tribunal convened on Monday, stated that he "would see the case through to the end."—Reuter.

CHINESE TROOPS FOR PALESTINE?

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No comment thus far has been available from the Foreign Office over the reported "sounding" by the United States on the possible use of Chinese troops in Palestine.

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Nanking Silent On "Hut-Eviction" Order At Kowloon

Nanking, Dec. 7.
A spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs declined to comment last night on the dispute in Hong Kong over British administrative rights in the old walled Kowloon City.

Meanwhile, Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kowloon-Kowloon, is consulting the Ministry on the subject. Mr. Kwok also declined to comment, say AP and Reuter-AAP despatches.

The Chinese Government had previously declared that China still retains sovereignty over Kowloon City.

About 2,000 residents there were served with eviction notices on November 27 last by the Public Works Department.

Bao Dai Flew To Secret Talks On French Ship

A secret meeting "of great significance" between Bao Dai, ex-emperor of Annam, and M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, took place on Saturday and Sunday on board a French cruiser in the Gulf of Tonkin, the "China Mail" learned from sources close to the parties last night.

Despite an emphatic denial of the meeting by Mr. Lou Duc Trung, accredited spokesman for Bao Dai who last night declared that the ex-emperor had never left the Colony since his arrival here in the early part of 1946, the "China Mail" learned that Bao Dai returned from the meeting yesterday afternoon.

Accompanied by Colonel Cousseau, his former A.D.C., Bao Dai boarded a specially chartered Catilla flying-boat on Saturday afternoon.

The flying-boat landed near Haiphong where Bao Dai and the French Colonel were taken aboard a French cruiser in which the French High Commissioner

was waiting for the ex-emperor.

The cruiser then steamed to Bay d'Along in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Bao Dai and M. Bollaert conferred from Saturday afternoon until noon yesterday after which Bao Dai flew back to Hong Kong, arriving here shortly before 6 p.m.

A Reuter message from Paris says the cruiser was "Dugay-trouin."

The discussions between Bao Dai and M. Bollaert are believed to have covered the proposals made earlier this year by the French High Commissioner on behalf of the French Government and counter proposals made subsequently.

While there is no official information on the results achieved at the conference, it is believed that some ground was cleared and the way paved for further talks between M. Bollaert and Bao Dai. It is possible that further meetings will be held in the near future.

In addition to his denial of the meeting, Mr. Lou Duc Trung last night denied a Saigon report of an attempted assassination in Hong Kong of Bao Dai. He said the report was false and the work of certain propagandists.

Referring to a Paris message that Bao Dai had declined to attend a forthcoming conference in Dalat, of representatives of Tonkin, Annam, and Cochinchina, Mr. Liu, pointing out that the message quoted an alleged spokesman of Bao Dai, declared: "Bao Dai has no spokesman either in Dalat or in Paris."

According to an AP message from Paris, the French High Commissioner Emile Bollaert will leave for Paris on Tuesday following his conference with Bao Dai.

This was reported by the semi-official French Press Agency in Saigon.

The agency said M. Bollaert told its representative that the task was "very critical, apparently destined to be developed further and permits the optimistic expectation of subsequent contacts."

MISSING HIKER
SAFE

According to a police report, P. O. Feig, who had been reported missing when hiking at Talmoshan on Saturday in company with about 20 other hikers, has communicated with the Police and reported that he is safe and sound.

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FRENCH POLICE SWEEP DOWN ON 230 STRIKERS Government Says Reds Defeated

Paris, Dec. 7.
The police have arrested 230 strikers, including leading Communists and 13 foreigners of unspecified nationality, under the Government's new anti-strike law.

A Government spokesman announced today that the month-long Communist campaign to win power through a 2,000,000-man strike war had been defeated.

A high police official said the situation was unusually calm throughout the nation.

Clashes which occurred between workers and police were minor compared with past week's street fights and sabotage.

Those arrested for violation of the anti-strike law included the secretary of the Communist "cell" at Anvers and the leader of the Metal Workers Union in Toulon.

Nineteen others were arrested in Toulon and 40 at Marseilles where soldiers demolished Communist roadblocks.

The arrested foreigners were charged with violating the right of non-strikers to work.

The New Law
Premier Schuman's dramatic strike-control law went into effect this morning, eight days after it was presented to the National Assembly.

The new law was passed over stubborn opposition by the Communists.

It raises the maximum penalty for sabotage from six months to 10 years in jail.

Anyone who uses fraud or violence to interfere "with freedom to work" may be sentenced to five years in prison.

"Direct provocation of these offences is subject to the same penalties."

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Explosion On Happy Valley Tram

Third class passengers panicked for a few minutes when a slight explosion on a tram in Happy Valley yesterday was followed by clouds of smoke.

The incident occurred in Wongmichong Road, outside St. Paul's School.

The first was put out with a fire extinguisher and the tram was able to resume service. No one was hurt.

Mystery Of Death Fall In City

The police up to late yesterday had not been able to identify the young Chinese who was found dead in the lane between Windsor House and Exchange Building at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday.

Yesterday morning Inspector Waldron of the C.I.D. visited the scene of the accident.

He told a reporter of the "China Mail" that finger-print experts will be called in an attempt to solve the mystery surrounding the accident.

S'hai Garrison Manhunt

Shanghai, Dec. 7.
The Shanghai garrison headquarters is engaged in a widespread manhunt for the owner of contraband machinery worth more than CN\$15,000,000,000 which was shipped here from the South Manchurian port of Yingkow.

Acting on information, the garrison forces raided a Chinese vessel on arrival here and discovered more than 100 motor machines on board, but nobody has come forward to claim the cargo.

The railway authorities are stated to be busily directing repairs on the Paoing-Peiping section of the Peiping-Hankow railway and it is hoped that traffic can be resumed very shortly.

The communiqué said that south of Paoing, a small force of Communists, numbering about 1,500 men, had shifted westwards from Wangtu, 20 miles south of the provincial capital, and has linked up with another Communist column.

The combined force is generally expected to continue in the direction of Shanai Province.

On the Anhwei-Hupeh border, Nationalist troops claimed the defeat of Communist forces around Yinsan and Huanan at the foothills of the Taphel mountains. In South Honan, a big battle is continuing, without any of the two opposing armies being able to make any great headway.

Shanghai despatches add that after spending a few hours at the South Honan front, where some 100,000 Nationalist troops are battling 50,000 Communists, General Pai Chung-hsi, the Minister of National Defence and concurrently Commander-in-Chief of Central China, flew back to Hankow today from the Peiping-Hankow railway city of Sinyang.—Reuter-AAP.

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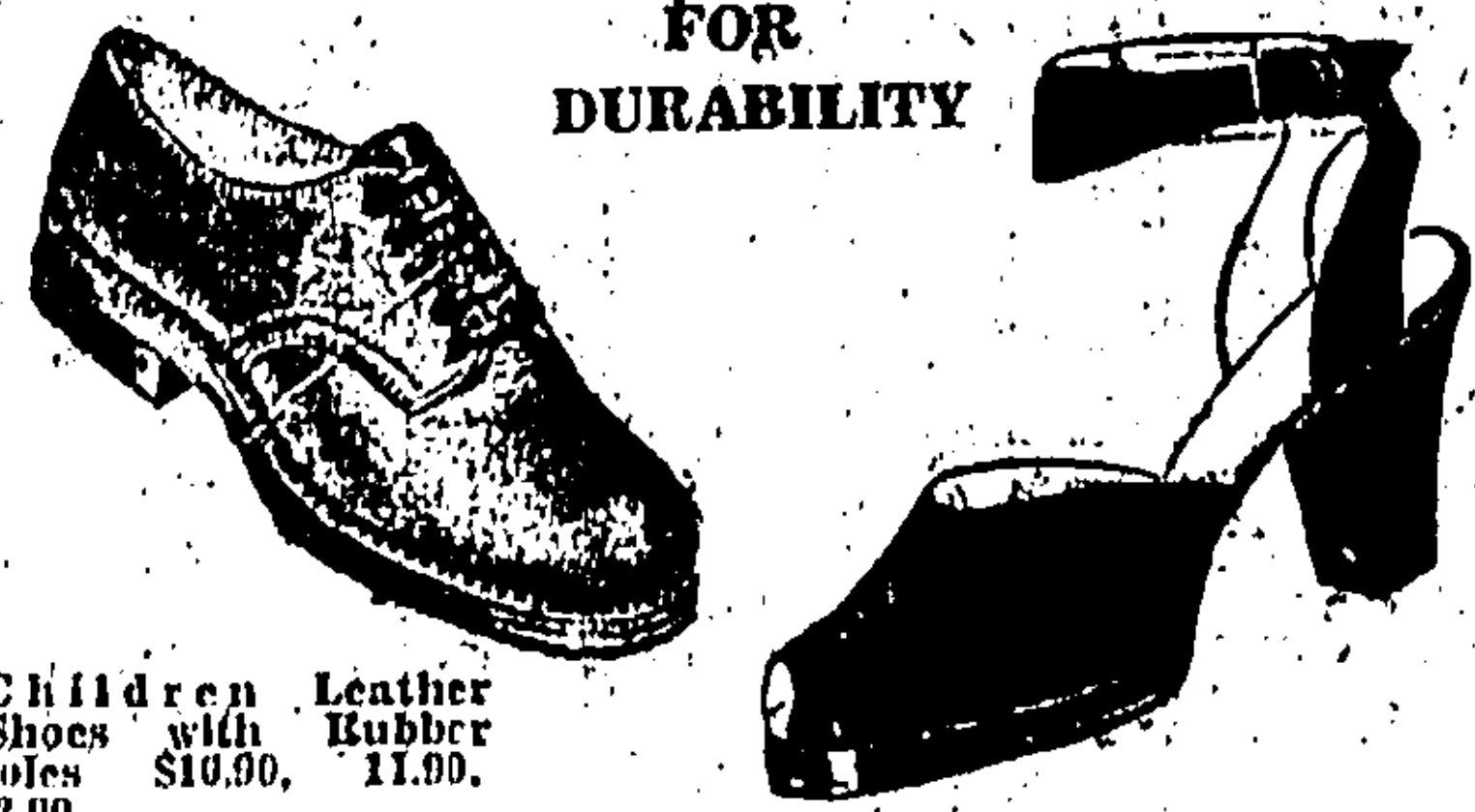
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CHINESE "COMIC LIBRARIES" THRIVE IN H.K.

Scattered through Hong Kong and Kowloon are approximately 2,500 Chinese "Comic Libraries," a "China Mail" survey revealed yesterday.

Located at street corners, these public libraries have mushroomed since the Liberation. Before the war, there were only about 100. The first year of the Liberation saw 1,000 springing up, and latest information gave the figure today as 2,500, or more.

This business thrives in places where the "labourer class" Chinese dwell. Wanchai, Hong Kong's most populous Chinatown, has more than 300. Western Market area ranks next with 260; Yaumatei and Mongkok, both in Kowloon, have each about 150, and Kowloon City about 50.

Started over 30 years ago, these Chinese counterparts of the popular American comics were first copied from western newspaper strips. Following their appearance in Chinese dailies, an enterprising publisher formulated the idea of compiling into booklets series of legendary tales of Chinese saints with their magical transformation, most common of which was the fabulous flying sword.

Ban

Popular ever since their first publication, these "Fairy Comics" were banned recently by the National Ministry of Education on the ground that they pervert the education of the younger generation.

Now historical, biographical, modern romances, war and movie production are featured series. Very popular is the Chinese version of Edgar Rice Burroughs' "Tarzan" series. Charles Dickens, Mickey Rooney, Charlie Chaplin, and many other famous personalities are the delight of the Chinese young and old comic fans.

Some 80 printing establishments in Shanghai supply these pulp booklets, and Hong Kong's three known agents receive

about 5,000 new issues monthly. One reason given for the rapid growth of this business is the secure remuneration and little capital required in establishing a library. With a little as \$100 one can buy about 150 of these 5-inch square booklets (assorted condition) a sizeable collection to start with. A bookshelf, makeshift usually, some stools and a suitable location are all that are needed.

Lending on the spot at 10 cents a booklet, at best one can get \$10 a day, while dull days will bring in not more than \$3. Another incentive is that no license, no rent or "tea money" are involved.

Weather

Weather plays an important part. Spring, summer and autumn are the ideal periods. A heat wave means boom time, when many will take to the open air to escape the stifling indoor heat. Continuous rain is a source of worry.

Asked by the "Sunday Herald" about the "usefulness" of these libraries to the younger generation, opinions varied.

A five-year-veteran was frank. "Sometimes it is good for kids," he mused. "You can get a wealth of knowledge from the historical and biographical series, which you don't get in school. The funnies will help to broaden their sense of humour, and the dialogue may improve self-expression."

"From the paternal point of view, I think it is good for the children to sit down quietly immersed in a good set of educational comics. Furthermore, that would keep them out of mischief."

"But when school opens, that time I think these comics are a source of distraction. Many neglect their studies and waste considerable time hanging around the libraries."

STRANGE HAPPENINGS IN "MAGIC CIRCLE"

How do you like to have the glass funnel of a Chinese kerosene lamp as a snack, washed down with a whisky-soda, as Mr. C. T. Lee did at the inaugural meeting of the Hong Kong Magic Circle held at P. & O. Building last night?

If you want to learn the knack, you must, however, undertake when applying for membership, never to divulge the secret to even your wife, according to the code of honour magicians all over the world.

There was a very satisfactory attendance of enthusiasts who nominated Mr. F. M. Gensburger as the President, Mr. N. G. E. Burrage as the Vice-President, and Mr. J. M. Bradley as the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, with power to co-opt two or three other magicians to assist them, if necessary.

The primary object of the Club, as outlined by the President, was to get together all those interested in the art of magic, irrespective of nationality, and to hold weekly meetings during which talks on the art and impromptu shows by members would be given.

Membership

On the proposal of Mr. F. J. Crossie, seconded by Mr. P. O. Silver, it was decided that membership should be divided into three categories—ordinary for proficient magicians; students for those desirous of learning the

art; and associates, for those interested but not to the extent of wanting to become magicians. It was decided that the entrance fee should be fixed at \$50 (payable by five instalments by anyone unable to pay the lot in one lump sum), and the monthly subscription at \$5.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 9 p.m. in the P. & O. Building, top floor. All those interested are cordially invited to attend.

Among those who applied for membership last evening were: Mrs. Lydia Dikman, Miss Pat Meadows, and Messrs. C. Y. S. Burns, R. C. Lee, Hans Heide, F. Hofer, Ho Keyin, Tong Kam-ching, S. H. Marvin (Member of the Royal Society of Magic, London), Jock Emerson (Order of the Magi, Manchester), F. J. Crossie (Fellowship Member of Malayan Magic Circle, Member of Eastern Society of Magicians, USA), and D. O. Silver.

Took Overdose Of Quinine

A Chinese couple, Yuen Chik (28) and his wife (30), were admitted to Kwun Man Hospital at 7 p.m. yesterday suffering from the effects of an overdose of quinine, believed to be self-administered.

According to a report, the couple who occupied Room 413 at the New Empress (Sun Weng Kung) Boarding House, Wai-sung Street, gave the full for the roomboy shortly before 3 p.m.

When the boy entered the room he found Yuen and his wife lying "quivering with pain." They pointed to an empty bottle which had contained quinine. An ambulance was summoned and the couple removed to hospital.

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China And U.S. May Sign Navy Pact At Noon Today

A Sino-American naval agreement, providing for the transfer of United States warships to China and the training of Chinese personnel by American officers, is expected to be signed in Nanking today.

The United States Ambassador (Dr. J. Leighton Stuart) will sign on behalf of the United States, and the Foreign Minister (Dr. Wang Shih-chieh) on behalf of China.

Most of the warships scheduled for transfer to the Chinese Navy are at present in American and Philippine waters, it is learned.

These vessels will proceed to China immediately the agreement is concluded. They are said to include some cruisers and auxiliary vessels.—Reuter-AAP.

Hong Kong Public On Orgy Of Christmas Buying

With Christmas fast approaching, a large proportion of the Hong Kong public has embarked on an orgy of extravagant Yuletide spending.

Money is flowing freely and the majority of shops dealing in luxury items are finding no difficulty in disposing of high priced articles.

The large crowds packing stores in the scramble for gifts are mostly Chinese, with only a sprinkling of Europeans.

The most eagerly sought items, insofar as womenfolk are concerned, are power compacts, lipstick, dressing sets, perfumes, nylon stockings, handbags, silk scarves, handkerchiefs and dress material.

Lingerie Sales

Curiously enough, Chinese girls, unlike their Western sisters, are not displaying any particular interest in items of lingerie, sales in this line being the lowest, according to sales people interviewed.

For the menfolk, ties, shirts, socks, braces, belts sports jackets, cigarette cases and lighters are in great demand. Toys of foreign make are also selling well, despite the sky high prices. Sleeping dolls at \$80 and mechanical trains at \$30 are typical of some of the prices which the public is only too willing to pay.

So far, there has been no rush on stores dealing in food-stuffs. Apparently housewives are content to leave their shopping in this direction to the plentiful supplies of all items necessary for the Christmas hamper.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments etc. were gazetted on Saturday:

Mr. L. C. Saville to be an Assistant Postmaster General and Chief Accountant, G.P.O.

Mr. D. H. Blake to be a member of the panel of the Board of Review.

Mr. A. J. R. Moss resumed duty as Director of Air Services.

Mr. W. F. Simpson to act as Chief Pharmacist.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, O.B.E., to be Deputy Director of Medical Services.

Dr. K. C. Yeo to be Deputy Director of Health Services.

Mr. L. Starbuck to be Assistant Director of the Royal Observatory.

Mr. H. D. Doherty to be an Honorary A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor.

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CHINA TIGHTENS HOLD ON FOREIGN BANKS

Shanghai, Dec. 7. Shanghai newspapers today said that the request of the National Banking Association for the issuance of CN\$20,000 and CN\$50,000 notes indicates that the Government is prepared to issue new notes before the new year.

The China Press quoted a "forthright" source as saying that the new notes would be released next week, following the establishment of a Financial Control Bureau in Shanghai.

Government financial quarters stated that the issuance of large denomination notes would not stimulate prices or black market dealings in United States dollars.

Meanwhile, Li Shih-shan, Chief of Shanghai's new Financial Control Office, confirmed reports that the Bureau definitely would be set up this week and not until then would financial measures, aimed at curbing inflation, be announced.

Foreign Banks

He said, however, the new measures would cover control of foreign banks.

The all powerful financial bureau will take charge of the following:

(1) Examination and supervision over all banking institutions, trusts, life insurance companies and credit co-operatives.

(2) Guidance to and examination over banking, the joint reserve committee and the stock exchange.

(3) Impediment and abolition of unwholesome financial institutions.

(4) Impediment and extermination of subversive exchange transactions.

(5) Investigation of financial market activities.

Prohibitive measures also have been planned by the police authorities to check hoarding and speculation on commodity markets.

Elections Purge

Meanwhile, the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee resolved to take firm measures against party members seeking election to the Legislative Yuan outside the official list of candidates, informed sources said today.

In an effort to support the demands of the minority groups for a specified number of seats in the Legislative Yuan, the Kuomintang will ban attempts of its members to run as independents.

The "Hsin Min Pao" said Democratic Socialist spokesman complained that only 40 per cent of the seats promised to the minority group by the Kuomintang were actually won in the election.

Interior Minister Chang Li-seng, as director of the National Elections Office, told the "Hsin Min Pao" that he believed it necessary that two-thirds of the quotas for the convocation of the National Assembly should be certified as elected by December 10.

As soon as a sufficient number of elections were certified, it said Chang will notify the Government, which will confirm the date for convocating the assembly.

It is generally conceded that the Assembly will be postponed from the original date December 25.—United Press and Associated Press.

15 H.K.V.D.C. Commissions Relinquished

Fifteen officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, including the Commandant, Lt. Col. E. J. E. Mitchell, have relinquished their commissions.

A brief notice in the Gazette on Saturday stated that the Governor has approved the resignations.

The officers are: Lt. Col. E. J. E. Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D.

Lt. Col. R. D. Walker, O.B.E., M.C., E.D.

Major V. C. Branson, M.B.E., M.C., E.D.

Major E. Cock, Major J. Durran, Major S. Jarvis, M.C.

Major J. J. Paterson, Major J. Smith, Capt. G. T. Balesan, Capt. E. M. Bryden, Capt. G. Miskin, Lt. J. W. Fitzgerald, Capt. T. R. Parsons, Lt. R. G. Gurr, Lt. A. S. Mackiehan.

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H.K. BECOMES HUB OF JAPAN-CHINA TRADE

Shanghai, Dec. 7. Hong Kong has taken the place of Shanghai as the centre of trade between China and Japan, said Mr. Tang Chu-sheng, Chief of the Trade Section of the Chinese Mission in Tokyo, in a press conference today.

He added that a "considerable amount" of luxurious goods and other commodities shipped from Japan into China are directed to Hong Kong and then shipped to the Chinese mainland by Japanese merchant ships.

According to a warning that China has made, no Japanese foreign trade and business transactions are allowable in Japan in the near future.

Tang said the situation is due to trade restrictions and foreign exchange. He believed that before these problems are settled, Japanese goods are not available for Chinese merchants to process.

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Outlined In Speech By Mr. Churchill

Retention Of Controls

Manchester, Dec. 6. Britain's wartime leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, told a large audience here today that "half the British soldiers kept in Palestine under conditions of intolerable provocation would, if they had been stationed in India, have enabled the transfer of power and responsibility from British to Indian hands to have been made in a gradual and orderly manner."

"It would have averted a slaughter of at least a quarter of a million Hindus and Moslems in a series of hideous massacres the like of which has never stained the British Empire in all its history."

Criticising the British Government for giving away money, he said that the United States, Mr. Churchill said, three quarters of the money was handed over to European nations, and more in addition to India and Egypt, whom Britain had saved from being pillaged by Japan and Germany.

Mr. Churchill was addressing 6,000 Conservatives in a hall with another crowd of 8,000 listening to a loud speaker relay of his speech at an adjacent football ground.

He said that Britain "is in peril to a degree which I have hardly known before."

"I am quite sure that Socialism—that is to say, substitution of State control by officials instead of private enterprise—will make

it impossible for 48,000,000 to live in this island and that at least one-quarter of all who are alive today will have to disappear in one way or another, enduring a lowering of standards of food and comfort inconceivable in the last 50 years."

Six-Point Programme

Mr. Churchill outlined a six-point election programme for the Conservative Party, of which he is the leader.

The programme is:

1. Reduce national expenditure by £500,000,000.

2. Strive to maintain the basic standards of life and labour and not hesitate to keep whatever controls are necessary for that primary purpose.

3. Once that progress has been clearly achieved, let the people free so that they may use their native genius in the fullest degree.

4. Maintain the purchasing power of the pound sterling.

5. Maintain Britain's fraternal association with the United States.

6. Labour to unite and combine the British Commonwealth and Empire "without which the safety of this island cannot endure nor its prosperity return."

"Wanton Betrayal"

"The Socialist Government is responsible for the gravity of our difficulties, not only by a series of sacrifices and misadventures but also by wantonly betraying the nation through class warfare, and also preferring rigid and mistaken doctrine to practical measures by which the greatest good to the greatest number alone can be achieved."

"The Government in their zeal to establish a Socialist Utopia, have made unfair use of wartime controls and today aim at nothing less than a despotic authority, as incompetent as it is complete, over the whole population."

"Emigration, even if practised on a scale never before dreamed of, could not operate in time to prevent this melancholy decline."

"I believe that the monopoly by a State of all means of production, distribution and exchange would be fatal both to our material well-being and to our personal freedom as we have enjoyed them."

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AIR DISPLAY TRAGEDY

Melbourne, Dec. 6. An exploding bomb blew a Mustang plane to pieces over Werribee, Victoria, being an offensive air support demonstration today.

The plane was levelling out at 2,000 feet after a 3,000-foot dive and blew up when the spectators expected a 250-pound bomb to leave the rack.—Reuter.

Spain Wants To Get In

Washington, Dec. 6. The Spanish Embassy here is conducting a postal campaign for Spain's inclusion in the Marshall aid plan.

Prominent citizens and newspapers are being sent literature bearing no stamp of Spanish officialdom which declares that "it is economically obvious and businesslike" that the Franco regime should receive benefits under the long-range reconstruction scheme.

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Classics Banned

BERLIN, DEC. 6. CLASSICS BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORS MARK TWAIN AND JACK LONDON, ARE AMONG THE SIX BOOKS BANNED FROM BERLIN'S SCHOOLS BY AMERICAN EDUCATION OFFICIALS DESPITE A STRONG SOVIET PROTEST.

The American members of the four-power Allied Commandatura Education Committee, said they had no objections to the books themselves, which were offered to the city magistrate by Russian sponsored German publishers, but they were opposed to what they regarded as propaganda against the western democracies which had been inserted in prefaces, footnotes and epilogues.

The books included "Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" by Victor Hugo, and "The Call of the Wild" by Jack London.

The British delegate stated that "the books in fact contain tendentious material which the British member considers unsuitable for inclusion in a school text" but he was willing for them to appear after the removal of the added material.

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PALESTINE PARTITION REPERCUSSIONS

London, Dec. 7. The international repercussions of the decision to partition Palestine are only just beginning to make themselves felt. The attitude of the Arab States to wage a full-scale war against the new Judaea has still to be formulated at next week's meeting of Arab League at Cairo.

The future movements of the well-trained and equipped Arab Legion of King Abdallah of Transjordan, substantial units of which are now under British command in Palestine, have still to be worked out, a fact which will lend point to the forthcoming visit of the Transjordan Premier, Sami Rifat Pasha, to Britain.

Britain's intention, according to the spokesman of the Government, is that the Arab Legion should withdraw at the same time as all other troops under British command.

Grave Threat

But with the cessation of British command in Palestine, it would clearly be beyond the power of the War Office to prevent its return.

Besides the vital question of how far the Arab States will resist partition in practice, there is the immediate problem of how much rioting and guerrilla fighting must be expected from the Arabs in Palestine. And though it appears that the Palestine Higher Executive will discourage further rioting while British troops are still in occupation, this threat is a grave one.

Side by side with the problem of what Arab action will amount to in practice arises the question of whether the Jewish State will be able to defend itself or will shortly come to need sympathetic foreign support.

The Zionists themselves have no doubt whatever that, once established, the Jewish State can take on all comers and that it will prove more than a match for the Arab world.

Political Role

The first world reaction to the creation of the Jewish State has been in terms of tactical and strategic considerations.

There is every prospect that the loss of Palestine as a base, by now a base of doubtful value, will provide a fresh ammunition for those official quarters in Britain which wish to see the British Government exercising trusteeship over one of the former Italian North African colonies.

But the historic decision to create a Jewish State for the first time for 2,000 years raises too the more general question of what part it may be expected to play in world politics.

To which of its great protectors, the United States or the Soviet Union, whose combined efforts brought it to birth, will the new Jewish State look for support and to which will it look for guidance?

Can it, in the present state of the world, play a truly independent role, a possibility now usually the prerogative of a great power?

Critical Issue

Will the pull between Moscow and Washington create a split within the ranks of the Zionists now their major ambition is achieved diplomatically?

On this critical issue, the outcome is complicated by the fact that the stronghold of the extremist rector of partition who look for the establishment of the Jewish State in the whole of present-day Palestine is not in Transjordan too, are both New York and the terrorist Stern Gang and the Irgun Zvai Leumi organisations in Palestine.

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The Accounts and Reports of the Directors will not be available at the date of the meeting and accordingly the meeting will be adjourned to a date early in 1948 whereof due notice will be given to Members.

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 8th to 24th December, 1947, both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GEORGE MCBAIN, General Agents.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1947.

THE SHANGHAI EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty Third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Building, 13 Wyndham Street, 4th Floor, Hongkong, on 22nd December, 1947, at 11.30 A.M. This meeting is called to comply with Section 13 of Hongkong Ordinance No. 40 of 1947.

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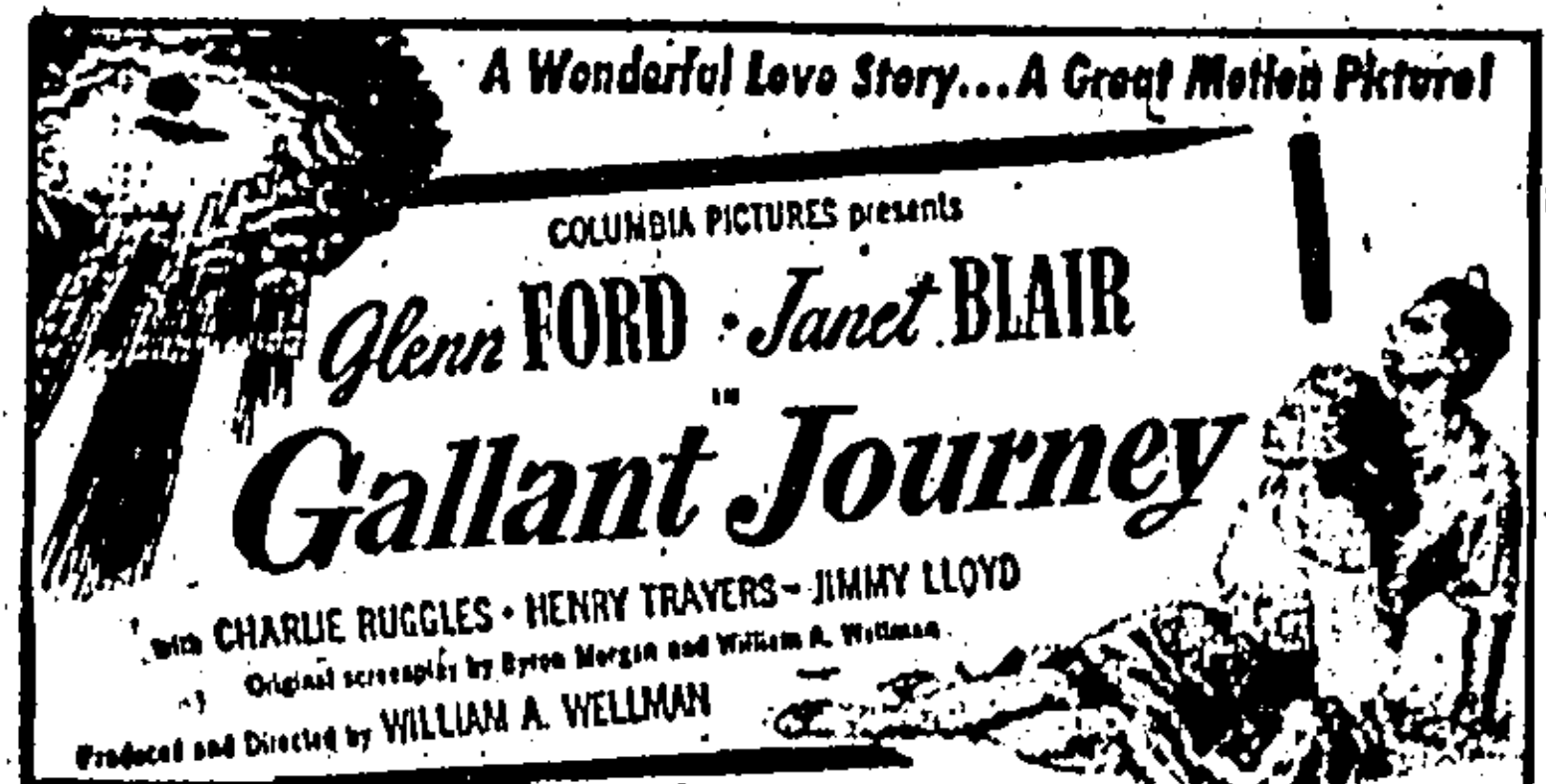
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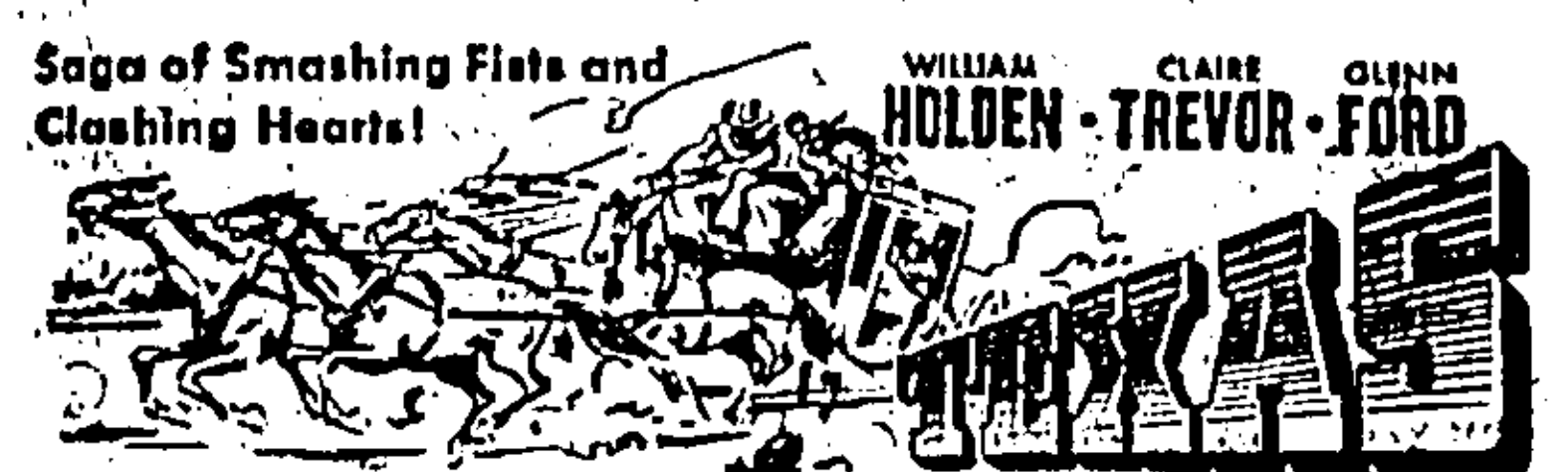


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10 Dead In Chungking Air Crash

Shanghai, Dec. 7.
An investigation into the cause of the Chinese Air Force transport crash in the suburbs of Chungking yesterday evening, resulting in the death of some 10 persons and injuries to varying degrees to all the 30 others on board, has been ordered by the Chinese Government today.

All the 40 occupants were either Air Force personnel or members of their families.

According to fuller details now available, the plane crashed a few minutes after taking off from Poshihy Alfield, in the suburbs of Chungking, when engine trouble developed.

The machine was bound for Nanking.

Some of the 10 critically injured are not expected to pull through.

This is the first serious plane accident in this country in the past eight months.

On October 17, a Central Air Transport Corporation cargo plane disappeared while flying from Poshihy Alfield, in the suburbs of Chungking, across Communist-held territory.

The machine, now generally believed to have been shot down by the Communists, was piloted by the American, Captain Harley Moore, of whom or his two Chinese companions there has been no trace since.—Reuter.

PERSIAN MYSTERY RADIO

Teheran, Dec. 6.
The Teheran Radio broadcast a statement today denying "charges made by an unknown radio station" that American advisers were interfering in the affairs of the Persian army.

"Everyone knows there are in the army a small number of American advisers," the statement said.

"Their job is to supervise financial regulations and they do not interfere in the least in army affairs."—Reuter.

Big Four Without A Formula

London, Dec. 6.
The Council of Foreign Ministers, in a session lasting an hour and three quarters, failed today to find a formula for beginning their discussion on the economic unity of Germany.

The Russian Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, introduced three separate documents—one on the level of industry, another designed to provide a free flow of trade in Germany, and a third for setting up German-managed administrative agencies.

In rejecting these, British Foreign Secretary Bevin said: "We agreed in Moscow that economic principles should be the basis of any plan for Germany as a whole."

The Soviet documents all refer only to a part of the problem. We must have something that treats the problem as a whole."

U.S. Secretary of State Marshall, in a speech, said: "We are going around in circles—a process that tends to make one sick."

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"Miss Hush's" Name Was Good For \$21,500 In Prizes

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 7.
Mrs. Ruth Subbia, 45, housewife, won the most lavish assortment of prizes ever given away in a radio program by identifying "Miss Hush" as the famed dancer, Martha Graham.

Mrs. Subbia, gaspingly answered a telephone call from the master of ceremonies of "Truth or Consequences" programme with the correct name of the person thousands of Americans have been trying to guess for weeks.

The reward totalled \$21,500, mostly in merchandise, such as a Buick convertible automobile and a complete home laundry.

The stunt began six weeks ago when radio listeners heard the voice of an unidentified "famous unmarried woman" tell a riddle which contained the key to her identity.

Each week the riddle got easier. Finally the "National News Magazine" published Miss Graham's picture.

An estimated 1,000,000 people knew "Miss Hush's" identity when Mrs. Subbia gave the right answer.—United Press.

Whitewashing Of Former King

Brussels, Dec. 7.
M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, is to release a Government declaration shortly stating that King Leopold III, now living in Switzerland, did not behave dishonourably during the war or under German occupation.

It was understood, however, that the declaration would make certain reservations on some of the King's actions.

The declaration was believed to be the result of long and bitter discussions between Socialist and Social Christian Ministers who formed the two-party coalition Government.

The Socialists have firmly opposed the return of the King, now provisionally exiled, while the Social Christian Party desires his return.

The King's brother, Prince Charles, was elected Regent when Brussels was liberated in 1944 and the King was still in captivity in Germany.

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Atom Bomb Spy Convicted

Montreal, Dec. 7.
Doctor Raymond Boyer was convicted of conspiracy to violate the official secrets law in the last trial arising out of a Canadian espionage inquiry which was begun in 1945.

Boyer will be sentenced later. Charges against Boyer were first disclosed in the report of a Royal Commission.

The report said that the defendant then an assistant professor of chemistry at McGill University here, had been engaged on a super-explosive known as "RDX".

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EUROPEAN CUSTOMS UNION?

Not merely to save Europe from economic decay, but to change the course of history—this lies behind the work now being done in Brussels, where delegates of 13 nations are considering the issues involved in a European Customs Union.

If historians of the future look back to these discussions as a landmark in European life, the credit will go to "Benelux," the Customs Union which the Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg Governments planned in exile during the war and which has now made them the third largest trading unit in the world.

"Benelux" is in fact an infant prodigy. While first cousin UNO was teething and howling, shooting to misshapen maturity, and squawking in many tongues, little "Benelux" quietly grew up. Born on a foggy night in London during the war, it came of age when the three countries ratified the agreement in Brussels. It provides for a common tariff for their trade with other countries. And it will do much more than that. When, as it is planned, their economic frontiers have been completely broken down, these three states which form the traditional cockpit of Europe will have been welded, economically, into one.

Gathered round their Conference table now, like neighbours anxious not to miss a good thing, are Britain, Austria, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Switzerland, and Turkey, with Norway and Sweden "observing." The last two already have a Nordic Customs Union in view. More significant still, all the British Dominions are sending observers.

Russia and her satellites were invited, but did not reply. It is a fair assumption, though, that an inconspicuous Russian observer will be keeping an eye on proceedings, just to ensure that if a European Customs Union looks like coming into being, the Kremlin does its best to bash it on the head. There will be nothing to wreck for a while. No concrete agreement will come out of the Study Group, for a Customs Union between modern industrial states involves many and intricate problems which cannot be solved overnight. Even if, for example, Britain's trade is re-allocated, and as much as a third of it directed to Europe, there would still be her special commitments outside, notably with the Dominions, to be safeguarded. There would still be the fear that a break-down of tariffs would bring a flood of cheap goods to this country, which would disrupt our full employment policy. Britain's delegates are well aware of all this.

Yet amid all the complications, interests, and counter-interests, there are three great motives to success. The first is that where the Low Countries have hammered out a workable project, there is no good reason for others to fail. Cynics may say that these little countries' had everything to gain and nothing to lose, but that is patently untrue. Belgium in particular, being Europe's most prosperous country, has agreed to share her prosperity with her neighbours. She has even agreed to a special committee whose job it will be to apportion shipping between the Dutch and Belgian ports.

The second spur is France. It was the French who at Paris put forward the suggestion for a European Customs Union. If France comes in Western Europe's economy will be immensely strengthened.

The third is the Marshall Plan. All the countries seeking American aid know well enough that its arrival is conditional upon their making a supreme effort to lift themselves out of the mire. Alone, they cannot. Together, they could. Europe cannot live indefinitely as a poor relation of America, still less as a dashboard for frowns aimed from Russia. It is time, not dollars, which is running out.

Thus, the curtain has risen on what may be Europe's most hopeful conference since the war knocked her out (almost out) for the count. With the British Dominions in the wings it may be that it will come to one of two precise financial minds that the idea of an Empire (Commonwealth and that of a European Customs Union are not so far removed, and that if they could be combined the whole post-war picture would improve beyond recognition.

Very few Brussels citizens, as they walk past the well-stocked shops, avoid the shining illuminations, and jump on to the clanging trams, are aware today of the significance of these dry and dusty talks. "Benelux" and the "Marshall Plan" do not mean much in their daily lives. But how proud they will be, if from their own country's example, a great and progressive idea is born. It will be Belgium's, the Dutch's, the Luxembourg's, and the British's. After that, the war is over, for Harvey's sake, let's cooperate on something better. They are saying that some day.

A LONDON LETTER

WHO SHALL DECIDE WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE?

Who shall decide when doctors disagree?

The other day some four hundred men and women doctors met—appropriately enough—at the Apothecaries Hall, under the auspices of the Hunterian Society, which is a professional body, so named in honour of the famous 18th Century medical John Hunter.

The motion before the meeting was:—"That our present diet is undermining the health of the nation."

As has often happened in the past, the doctors disagreed, but out of the 400 no less than 300 were of the opinion that our health is being undermined by our diet, that is to say—a majority of three to one supported the motion. So now we know.

There was, of course, considerable discussion pro and con. One of the principal supporters of the motion was a well-known West End physician. It was he who not long ago was castigated for saying that we are "dying of starvation." He said it so loudly that even a spokesman of the Ministry of Health (or was it of Food?) heard it through the thick walls of the House of Lords, whereupon he instantly mobilised every calorie and every vitamin lurking in our daily bread which he could find—or think of.

However, in support of the motion the "dying of starvation" physician said that "Health" must imply an ability to work fully, and if a man was to be healthy he must have sufficient food to do a full day's work. (Which to a layman seems to be self-evident proposition).

He maintained that an average man doing a moderate day's work needed 3,000 calories each day, which, he said, was a figure agreed by the Ministry of Health before the war and agreed to by the present Government last year. Against that, he said, a man today got from all his rations and all his points only 1,520 calories, a figure given by a Government woman doctor M.P. even before potato rationing came into operation, which rationing reduced even the 1,520 calorie figure.

He added that it was mainly the absence of fat which caused debility among the people today.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

Upon secret information obtained by that most zealous and persevering public office Mr. Deputy Inspector Caldwell, H.M.'s steamer "Inflexible," Captain Hosseson, proceeded towards the Lemna Islands yesterday morning in search of pirates, and returned last night after capturing four boats and 49 men; under a desperate resistance, the pirates proceeding so far as even to fire upon the Steamer!

On searching the boats, several trunks with brass name plates—blank—and a book of Spanish Caricatures were found, supposed to have been the property of the Spanish Mail Agent.

A public slaughter house under the superintendence of a Sergeant of Police with a couple of Market Inspectors to examine all meat as it entered the market would go far to remedy the evil, at all events if it did not altogether stop the sale of diseased and unwholesome meat. It would in a great degree check it, and it is most imperative that some scheme or other should be devised, and that speedily; we will soon be getting again into the hot and unhealthy months of the year, when it is not too much to say that more of our Community are killed by bad diet and impure regimen than by climate.

On this part of the subject it would not become us to enter while we have so many able medical men who, we are sure, only require a hint to put themselves in the van of the movement. We will only particularly urge our worthy Colonial Surgeon whose duty (and we doubt not we may add pleasure) it is to look after the health of the Colony. We see he has lately been engaged in a small piece of Engineering, and any person acquainted with the effort that proper drainage, both underground and surface, has upon health must wish that the same skill had been displayed in attending for the whole body.

By the way, our meagre official ration of cooking fat which, to us, is of unknown origin and content, seems to suffer from depression with the rest of us: at any rate, the women complain that it has a suicidal tendency. It frequently refuses to remain in the frying pan and leaps out (on to the floor or into the fire).

Hear the other side: The principal opponent of the motion was a medical authority on diet who had been scientific adviser to the Food Ministry from 1939 to 1946: he agreed that the nation was tired but he said that there was no real objective evidence that the country was less well

By Glanville Carew

fed than it was before the war, nor was there a single vital statistic which could be quoted that the nation had deteriorated.

As to the calories figures he said there was profound ignorance. It was only by breaking up the population into types—adults, children, heavy workers, light workers, etc., that an average calorie requirement for the people in general could be arrived at.

Then he made an admission which seemed to suggest a shade of doubt of his own argument. He said that he had agreed to speak against the motion at a date before potatoes were rationed, otherwise he might have been more hesitant. Hardly a convincing additional argument for the opposition to the motion?

A Letter From Australia

Australia's real reason for spending millions of pounds to attract and transport migrants from Britain was unwittingly revealed this week in a dry-as-dust statistical report.

The Government Statistician at Canberra released his preliminary analysis of the new census figures.

The analysis was alarming. Population had risen to 7,580,820; an increase of 950,981 in the past 14 years. But—the birthrate had fallen so badly that there was not much hope of ever reaching 8,000,000 population by natural increase.

To maintain the present population, Australian families must average 3.3 children. At present, the national average is less than 2.5 children.

The answer to the problem is immigration; hence the tremendous energies of the Department of Immigration under Hon. Arthur Calwell. Another

By Arthur Morley

proposal being examined by Prime Minister Chifley is to encourage bigger families by granting all newly-weds a Government loan of £250, of which £50 will be "forgiven" by the Government for each child born.

TIDY PARCELS: Pet scheme of the Australian Government was to attract immigrants from Britain in nice, tidy parcels—complete with capital, machinery and technical brains.

In the form of branch factories established by British manufacturing firms, "Benelux" to Australia would be greater population, greater industrial potential and more goods for home consumption and export.

Benefits to the British manufacturer would be to have his factory near the source of raw materials and close to the Asian market.

Fifty British firms have already opened branches here since the war. This week saw the biggest of them all, Lyons, the great British steelmasters, announced they were building south of Sydney the biggest steel rolling mills in the Southern Hemisphere. The firm will bring from England machinery valued at \$400,000.

ADJECTIVAL GIFT: In Canberra this week Mr. Abbott, M.P., a member of the Country Party, opposition, took time out from the Bank Nationalisation debate to inspect the silver salvers and fruit baskets that Prime Minister Chifley had chosen as his Government's wedding gift to Princess Elizabeth.

Perhaps the whole question is one which may as well be left to the doctors until a widespread epidemic of "flu," or what you will, provides a solution of our doubts about our condition.

That there is a general malaise among the masses of the people, especially those who have to depend on their bare rations and points, seems to be beyond dispute. There is lassitude and inertia: a general tiredness after comparative small exertion of body or mind: there is a marked absence of the good temper and good fellowship which were so long characteristic of a crowd native to this country.

As to ignorance about calories—listen to an apparently un-diluted lady in the queue (which is the place to hear the voice of the people) in a political argument:—"Garn ayve! Wot's the good of blyming 'vee calories ain't they? And that's more than you 'ad in the last war ain't it? I'll bet ya never even heard of 'em'!"

In short, whether or not we are being undermined in health: whether or not we are under-nourished: whether or not our intake of calories and vitamins are sufficient: whether or not we are ravenously hungry: whether or not we are over-worked afflicted by the minor ailments the flesh is heir to:

We are certainly, on the whole, tired to death of the deadly monotony of our food rather than the quantity of it. We are—as an old Devonshire villager of 50 or 60 years ago would inelegantly say when she wanted a meal—"Leary in the tripe."

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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TWO DIFFERENT GAMES

In a majority of situations, the action which would be best in rubber bridge is the same as that which would pan out best in duplicate. But certain types of problems should be treated radically different in the two games. That is especially so in the matter of safety plays by the declarer. In rubber bridge, practically any play which increases the chances of making the contract is sound. In match-point duplicate, however, overdoing the safety play proposition is bad business.

S. A 10 6
H. A Q 10 6 3
D. Q 10 7 5
C. J

S. Q 8 5
H. K 5
D. A 8 3 2
C. 6 5

S. K 7 4
H. J 8 4
D. K 6
C. K Q 8 3 2

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)
North East South West
1 H Pass 2 C Pass
2 H Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT

South at this table, who was a fairly experienced hand at rubber bridge, prided himself on his second bid, whereby he called No trumps instead of making the natural call of 3-Hearts when he had three of the royal major. He thought that thereby he was doing what he had heard was good duplicate bidding. In striving to reach No trumps instead of a suit, he was none too sound in that idea, but brilliantly so in comparison.

Aries To Come To Far East

was little of the hasty grasping for insecure freedom as that displayed by neighbouring Burma.

JAPAN'S COMEBACK. Japan marched another long step along the road to industrial recovery. After General MacArthur had talked with Australian trade and political representatives in Tokyo, it was announced that henceforth Japan could purchase all the wool she wanted from Australia.

This included top-class wools which Australia earlier in the year indignantly refused to sell to the former enemy.

SMARTING SETTLERS. White residents' plantation owners, miners and traders came to the boiling-point of indignation this week in the great island of New Guinea.

New Guinea, under the left-wing administration of Minister for External Territories Edward Ward, was suffering from the problems of post-war reconstruction complicated by socialist regulations and red-tape.

Hitherto, the islands has suffered from shortages of all types of goods and materials. Now, with materials available for building, residents are being refused permits because their ground or their timber is wanted for some nebulous Government-planned improvement.

After watching model villages going up for natives while their own roofs leaked gallons of rainwater, settlers were loudly demanding that Mr. Ward come to New Guinea himself to see how he is throttling progress.

son to the way he went wrong in the play. On his cursory analysis, after West led the spade 6 and he took the J with his K, he noted that if East had the heart K and West the diamond A he might score only eight tricks—three in spades, four in hearts and one in diamonds—unless he quickly built one in clubs, and also strained to develop a reentry into his own hand.

So to the second trick he led a low club. East playing low on the J, and then brought the heart 10 from dummy. West, of course, won that. The spade 10 won the return, but South could score now only nine tricks—three in spades, four hearts and one in each minor. When he then looked at the other scores on the deal, he saw that more natural play enabled every other declarer to score 11 tricks by observing simple principles of probabilities.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. A Q 10 8 4
H. K 10 8 6 2
D. K A
C. A K

S. K 7 3
H. A J 3
D. A 10 9
C. Q 10

S. J 9 8 5
H. Q 9 7 4
D. Q 6 3
C. 8 3 2

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)
If West bids 1-Diamond, North doubles, East 2-Diamonds, West 3-Diamonds, North doubles again and East 4-Diamonds, what should South do?

ATOMIC STRIKE THREAT

Washington, Dec. 7.

The Atomic Energy Commission today told parties concerned in a threatened strike at Oakridge, Tennessee, that any interruption of production is unthinkable. The responsibility for finding a workable basis of agreement rests upon the union and the operating corporation.

United Press.

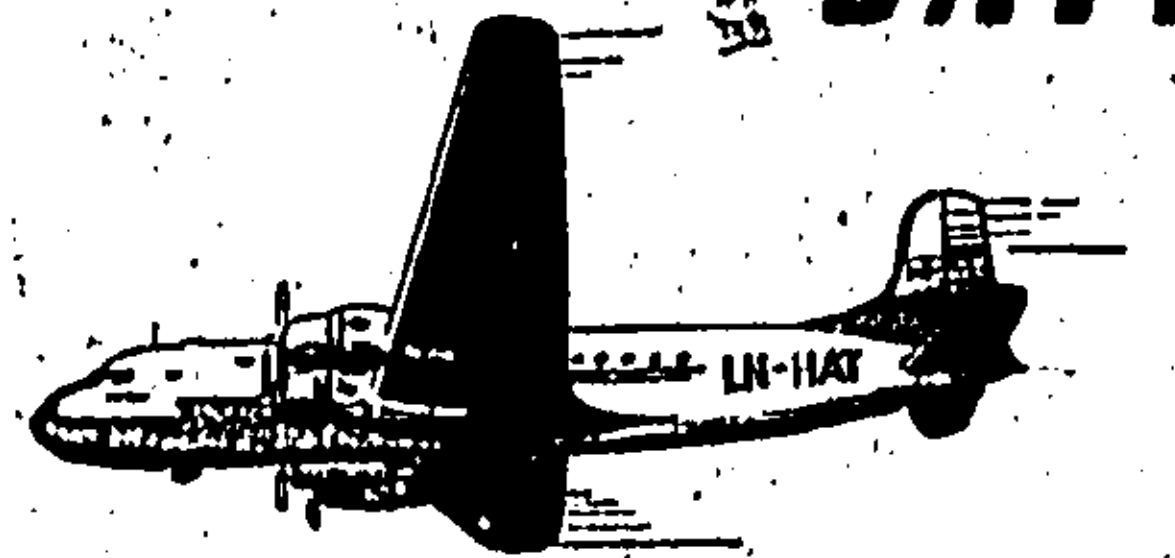
COMMUNAL RIOTS

New Delhi, Dec. 6.

Four people were killed and 50 wounded in communal rioting at Ajmer, Central India, yesterday when Hindu Moslem refugees from Pakistan clashed with local Moslems in the Dargah Bazaar. A 24-hour curfew was immediately imposed on the town.

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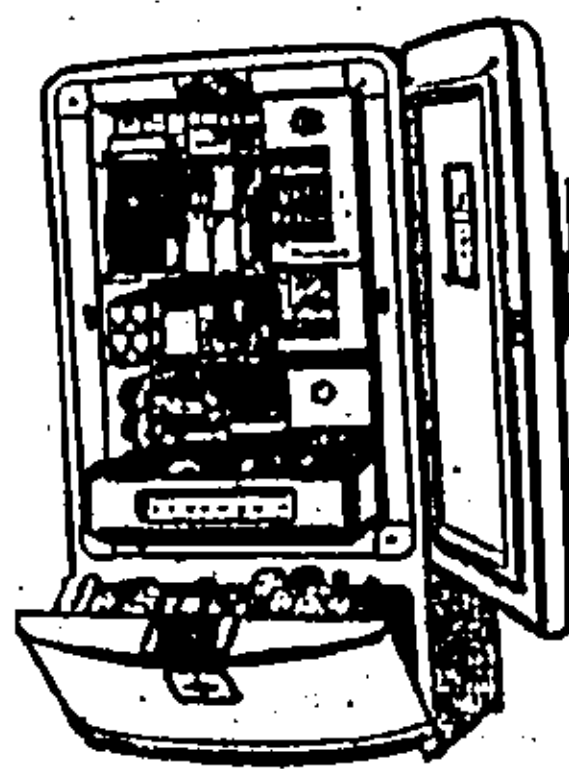
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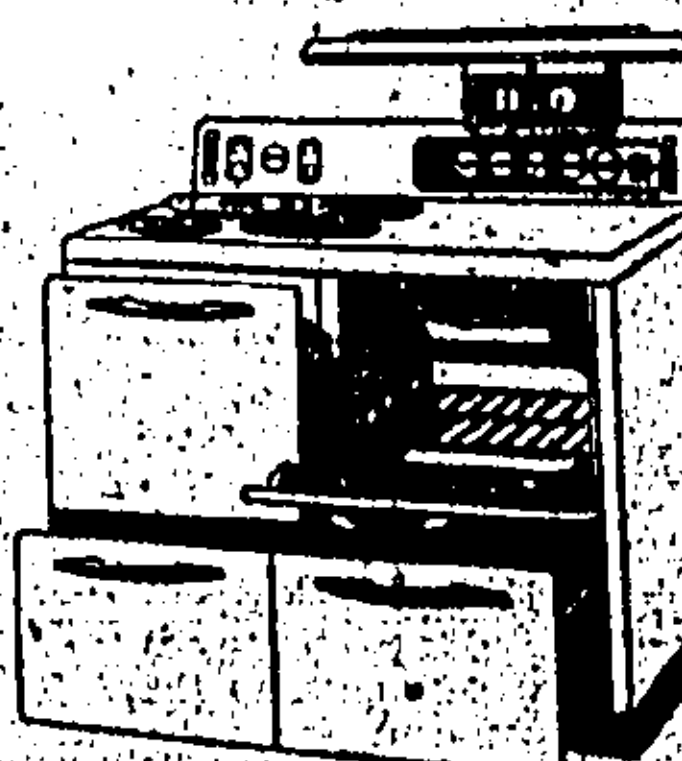


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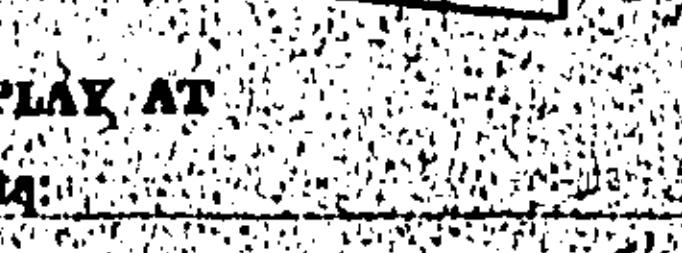


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BRIGHTER STRIKE PICTURE French Minister Claims Battle Is Won Struggle Nearly At End

Paris, Dec. 6.
In a strike statement to Reuter tonight, the Socialist Minister of the Interior, M. Jules Moch, declared: "The battle is won. I am master of the situation."
The Minister indicated that the struggle between the Government and the strikers, which, in more than three weeks of strife, brought 2,000,000 men out of work, is nearing an end.

The Government's offensive against the strikers and saboteurs appeared to have entered the mopping-up phase today as acts of sabotage dwindled throughout the country.

The news from all over the country was good and increasing numbers of strikers were returning, he added.

The bulk of the 350,000 Paris metal workers—the largest single labour group in the country—were preparing to go back on Monday.

Everywhere, where it has been possible to organise secret ballots, the workers have voted in an overwhelming majority to end the strike, M. Moch said.

Cities Calm

About 150 strikers today invaded the railway station at Roanne, 90 miles north-west of Lyons, and expelled railwaymen working there, later marching on a big cafe in the town and closing it. St. Etienne, Marseilles, Valence, Nice and other cities in Southern France, where trouble between police and strikers had flared up recently, were reported to be calm today.

M. Moch said that 10 days ago, when the seizing of railways stations and other acts of sabotage began, the Government had relatively weak forces at its disposal.

"As a result of the measures taken by Parliament and the recall to the colours of about 240,000 men, the Government can now respond to any demands for protection made upon it by any Department in France," he said.

"In factories where the Communists are still using threats and menaces, ballots could not be held but in the railways we estimate that not more than five per cent of the men are still on strike."

Failure

"While about two million people have been technically on strike, the big majority of them has really been acting under duress," the Minister maintained.

"The campaign of strikes and revolt against constitutional authority is, in my opinion, an international operation aimed at the wrecking of the Marshall Plan."

This operation has failed despite the low struck at French economy. The reason the Communists chose towns in the south of France as their storm centres is because that region is close to the Italian frontier and, as you know, a similar campaign has been launched in Italy."

Mr. Leon Jouhaux, leader of the non-Communist minority in the CGT, declined to make any statement to the press after his conference tonight with the Minister of Labour, M. Daniel Mayer.

A tramway company at Clermont Ferrand refused to allow trams to leave the sheds when the police announced that they would no longer provide armed guards to protect the cars.

Back To Work

The CGT held mass meetings in the centre of the town to protest against the arrest last night of 10 strikers, including the regional secretary of the Metal Workers Union after strikers had occupied a steel mill.

In Paris, well-filled underground trains, which had run almost empty during the week, gave evidence of a drift back to work.

A trickle of reports reached the capital from various parts of France of individual trade union branches taking decisions to go back to work.

The Ministry of Education announced that the strike order by the National Federation of School Teachers was only partially heeded in the Paris region—16 per cent being on strike in boys' State secondary schools, 28 per cent in boys' colleges and 20 per cent in girls' colleges.

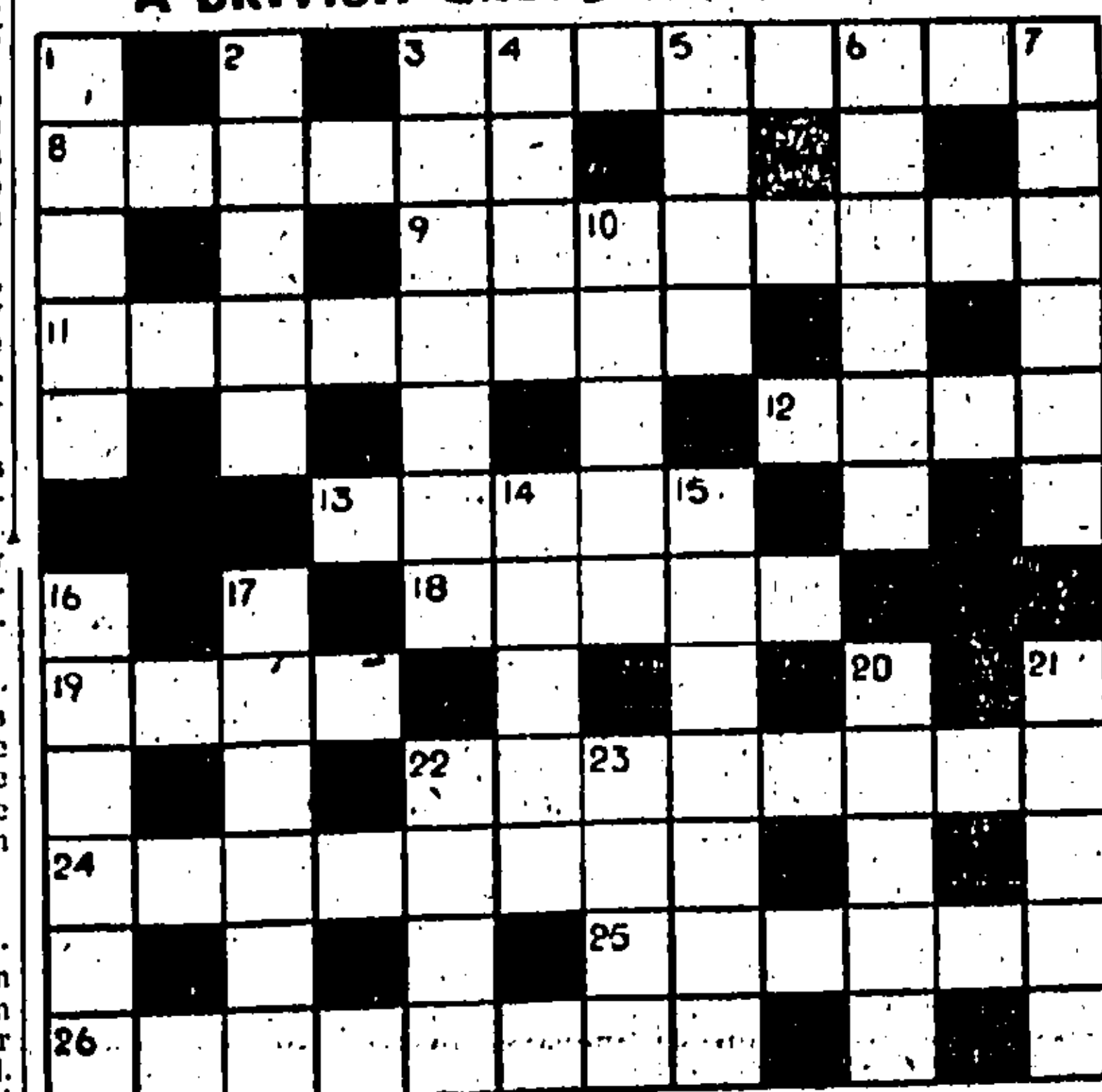
Employees of the central administration of the Ministry of Education voted against the strike by 385 votes to 149. The situation was still confused in the provinces, the Ministry's announcement added.

In Marseilles, the Federation of Socialist and Popular Republican Parties today issued a communique urging workers to resist the strike movement.

"Workers, employees and civil servants who today resist the strike," it said, "are protesting against the wilful confusion, established by the Communist Party between the defence of the workers' interest and the Communist Party's political objectives, but these workers do not renounce in any way their legitimate demands."

At Lyons, all Police Union branches in the Department voted against the strike called for Monday and Tuesday for all civil servants by the Civil Servants

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Clues Across

3 Scattered.
8 Humbled.
9 Poisonous.
11 Retaliation.
12 Splendid.
13 Headress.
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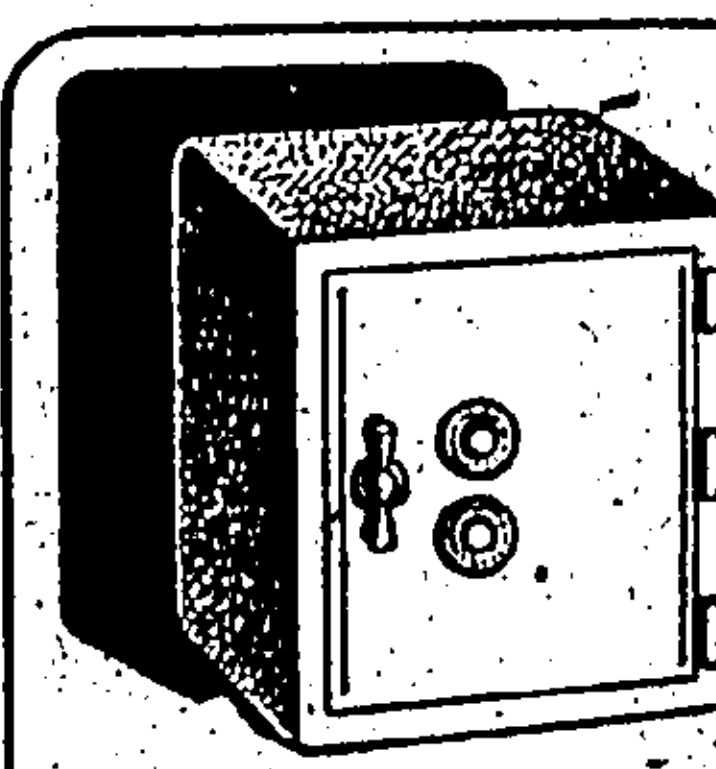
Clues Down

1 Wait.
2 Joyous.
3 Contrives.
4 Roman.
5 Idiot.
6 International.
7 Scatter.
10 Nude.
14 Fieldwork.

Saturday's Crossword

Across—3 Chairman, 7 Ratio, 8 Relegate, 10 Mortal, 13 Similar, 15 Side, 17 Tempers, 18 Feasted, 20 Eddy, 21 Durable, 26 Carols, 27 Brigades, 28 Extra, 29 Esteemed.

Down—1 Crams, 2 Storm, 3 Coral, 4 Idea, 5 Menile, 6 Niece, 9 Elated, 11 Oiled, 12 Tipsy, 14 Reduce, 15 Spider, 16 Droll, 18 Feeble, 19 Adict, 22 Raved, 23 Booby, 24 Eassey, 25 Tame.



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DODGING CAMPAIGN

Singapore, Dec. 6.
French legionnaires bound for Indo-China in the troopship Marechal Joffre, jumped overboard in the Malayan Straits after throwing a raft into the sea, according to reports here.

Malayan seamen picked up one of them five miles off shore, exhausted after being in the water for 12 hours.

He was later handed over to the Singapore police. The Marechal Joffre has left here to continue her journey to Indo-China.—Reuter.

Federation, three of whose constituent unions—those covering the National Education, Economic and Supply, and General Administrative Ministries—called their workers out yesterday.

Figures released in Paris said that the strikes had cost France 2,000,000 tons of coal, 400,000 tons of iron, 130,000 tons of castings, 175,000 tons of steel and 160,000 tons of finished steel products.—Reuter.

Strikes National Suicide

Paris, Dec. 6.
Broadcasting tonight, M. Rene Mayer, Minister of Finance and Social Economy, declared that the vast majority of French workers had refused to continue the strike and had already begun work again.

The strikes were "national suicide," he said. "The workers understand that strikes do not pay. The hours of lost work represent thousands of tons of coal, steel and textiles which the country needs to assure its daily life, and also loss of food held up at ports."

The Minister added that the new Government's first step was to raise family allowances and the second was to arrest inflation.

"Then we seek to augment the real purchasing power of the workers but this effort will be useless unless there is a general resumption of work immediately," he added.

The Government's "Anti-Sabotage Bill," conferring special powers to deal with the strikes, today awaited only the President's signature to become law, having been approved by the Upper Chamber in a 20-hour session.

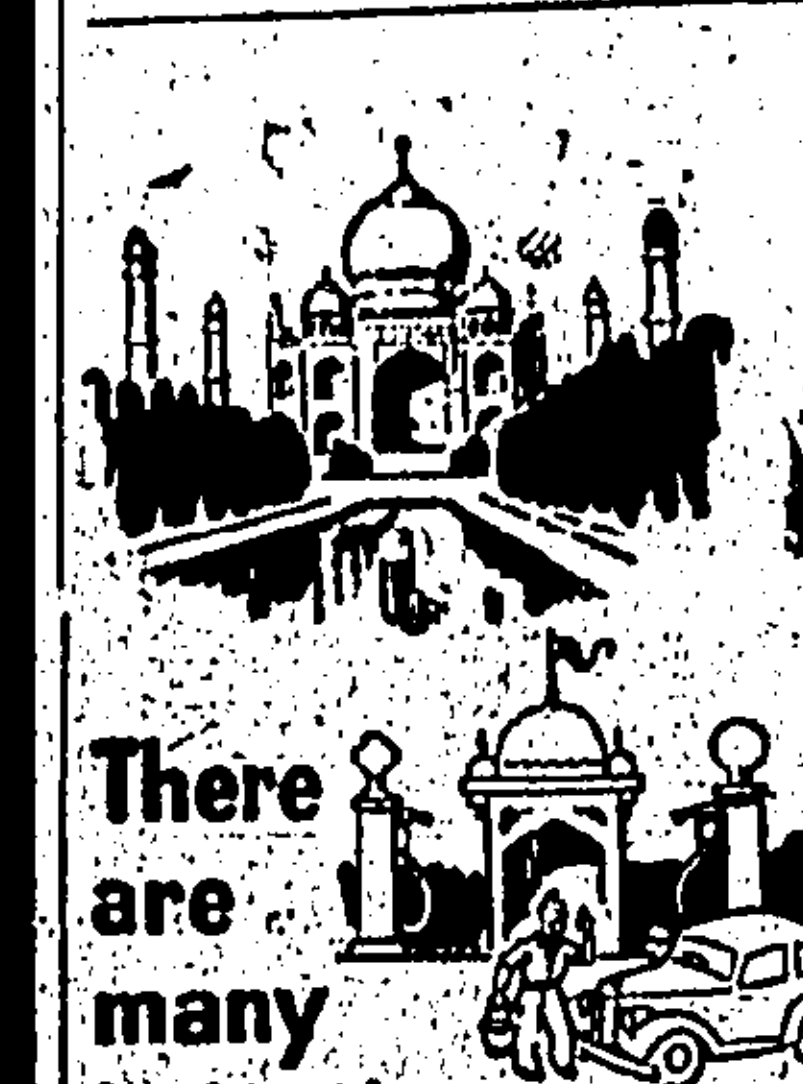
There were no reports of any move by President Auriol in response to the request of the leaders of the CGT to intervene against the bill, which provides for imprisonment of up to five years and fines up to 500,000 francs for "interfering with the freedom to work."—Reuter.

Quadruple Murder Charge

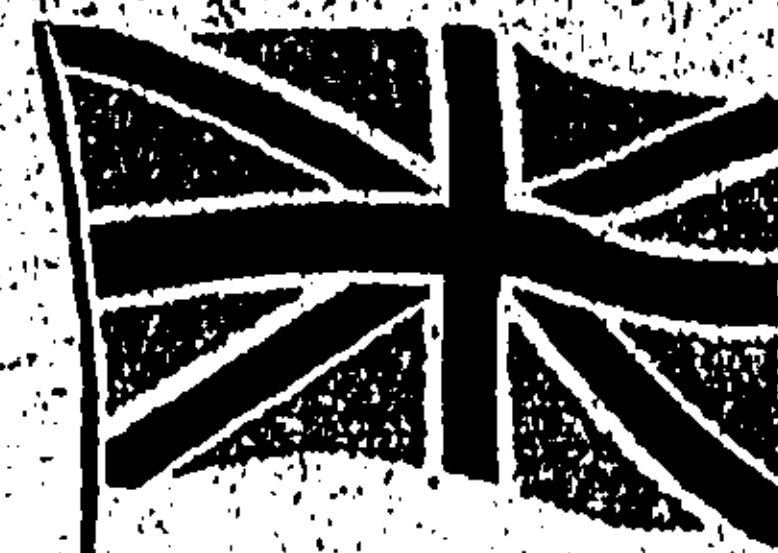
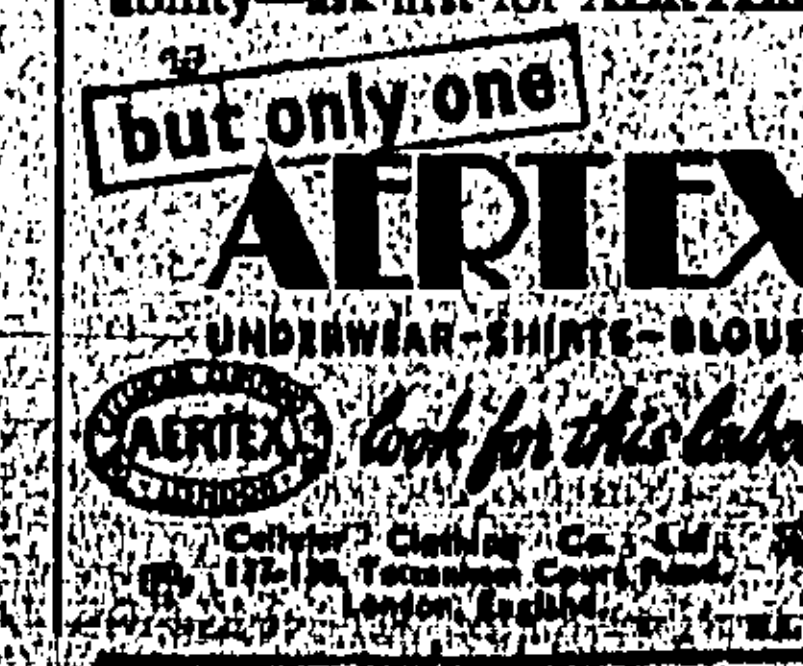
PARIS, DEC. 7.
THE MILITARY POLICE TODAY HELD 30-YEAR-OLD SALVADOR DELLOS SANTOS, FORMER AMERICAN SOLDIER OF PHILIPPINE ORIGIN, ON A CHARGE OF QUADRUPLE MURDER, THE PARIS SOCIALIST MORNING NEWSPAPER, LE POPULAIRE, REPORTED TODAY FROM NANCY.

According to the Le Populaire, Santos shot and killed his 20-year-old French wife, their eight-month-old son and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Georges Sohli. The paper did not say when the murders took place.

It said Santos was reported to have been separated from his wife for the past two months and gave himself up to the Military Police at Maxville near Nancy shortly after the shootings.—United Press



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Washington, Dec. 7. Officials said today that the foreign commercial exchange rate for Japanese yen must be worked out "within the near future." If Japanese trade is to continue to develop by the American authorities, but asserted that no definite decision had been reached yet on how to set the rate.

They claimed that officials here, while discussing the question, were still awaiting a recommendation from Allied Headquarters in Tokyo.

In this connection, an unofficial report circulating here that SCAP had recommended an exchange rate of slightly more than 160 to the US\$1 could not be confirmed. Officials disclaimed any knowledge of such a recommendation.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the War State and Treasury Department are considering whether it would be advisable to set an arbitrary rate based on the experience gained during the past few months of restricted private trading with Japan, or merely to move the exchange restrictions between foreign and Japanese businessmen in the limited channels of trade and permit the traders themselves to set their own rates on individual transactions.

It is recognized that, in any event the latter course might be adopted, it will be necessary to retain tight import controls to make certain that Japan's earnings in dollars, sterling and other foreign currencies are not dissipated in the purchase of less essential products.

Otherwise, this method might create an intolerable money pressure inside Japan.—United Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 7. The stock market stepped out of another depressing week with mild recoveries appearing here and there, although many leaders continued their decline. Timid buying cropped up in the final session, on the idea that Friday's sharp break had been overdone.

Transfers totaled 420,000 shares. Gainers included Armour, Pacific Western Oil, Baltimore and Ohio, Glenn Martin, Western Union, Dow Chemical. Among losers were Woolworth, Deere, United Aircraft, Phelps Dodge, Santa Fe, Plymouth Oil.

Low Jones Average—Stocks 61.85, 20 Industrials 112.74, 15 Rails 60.25, 10 Utilities 82.65.

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"ANHUI" Amoy, Swatow, Salween, Singapore & Hongkong, 10 a.m. 7th Dec.

"HANYANG" Fuzhou, Shanghai & Tientsin, 1 p.m. 7th Dec.

"NINGHAI" Hongkong, 2 p.m. 8th Dec.

"PARHAI" Swatow, 2 p.m. 10th Dec.

"FUKIEN" Shanghai, 4 p.m. 10th Dec.

"SHENGKING" D.T. 11th Dec.

"FOYANG" Shanghai, 4 p.m. 15th Dec.

"KOKIANG" Kobe, 4 p.m. 10th Dec.

Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"HUNAN" Swatow, a.m. 9th Dec.

"FOYANG" Java & Singapore, 12th Dec.

"NANCHANG" Bangkok, 12th Dec.

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"MYRMIDON" 8th Dec.

"ADRIASTIC" 10th Dec.

"LAOMEDON" late Dec.

Sailings to

"TELEMACHUS" Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow, via Port Said, 10th Dec.

"ANCHISES" Alexandria, Tanager, Liverpool via Port Said, late Dec.

NEW YORK SERVICE

Arrivals from U.S.A. via Manila and Shanghai

"PRIAM" Mid Jan.

Arrivals from

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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

ARRIVALS FROM

Poole via Bangkok:

Dec. 19, BOAC (Capt. Black-aller), 2.10 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok:

Dec. 16, CFA, 3 p.m.

Singapore:

Dec. 8, BOAC (Capt. McGre-gor), 2.30 p.m.

Bangkok:

Dec. 14, Pan-American, 2.30 p.m.

Manila:

Dec. 9, CFA, 12 noon.

Dec. 10, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Shanghai:

Dec. 10, HK Airways (Capt. Raeburn), 3.30 p.m.

Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai):

Dec. 11, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila):

Dec. 10, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Dec. 13, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Poole via Bangkok:

Dec. 10, BOAC (Capt. McGre-gor), 8 a.m.

Poole via Calcutta:

Dec. 9, Skyways (Capt. Neilan), 9 a.m.

Singapore via Bangkok:

Dec. 8, CFA, 7 a.m.

Dec. 9, BOAC (Capt. Scad-ding), 9.30 a.m.

Bangkok:

Dec. 13, Pan-American, 2.15 p.m.

Manila:

Dec. 8, CFA, 1 p.m.

Dec. 9, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Dec. 11, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Shanghai:

Daily, CNAC (DC4), 11.45 a.m.

Dec. 9, HK Airways (Capt. Raeburn), 10 a.m.

Dec. 12, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

San Francisco (via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):

Dec. 8, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Dec. 11, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco (via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):

Dec. 12, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Dec. 10, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

BOWLS FIXTURES

Keen Battle In Open Triples

A very keen fight was witnessed at the Club de recreo yesterday when H. B. Phillips, R. Morrison and J. McKelvie (Skip) met U.A. Rum-jahn, M. Y. Adal and S. Usuf (Skip) in the Semi-Finals of the Colony's Open Triples Championship.

McKelvie went off to a flying start and was leading by seven shots on the 7th end, only to have Usuf equalising at 11-all on the 12th.

A three by the Indian team on the following end saw McKelvie trailing by that number of shots.

The K.B.C.C. players notched a five on the 14th end, only to see their temporary lead nullified on the 16th end when the Usuf team chalked up a three. A two by each rink on the following two heads saw the score again tied, this time at 19 each.

Two singles and a two on the remaining ends clinched the game for McKelvie, who emerged victorious by 23 shots to 19.

At Austin Road

In the other Semi-Final game of the Triples, played at Austin Road, the Omars trounced J.M. Forrest, F.C., Goodwin and E.C. Fletcher (Skip) to the tune of 31 shots to 10.

Teddy Fletcher played a splendid game during the first nine heads and held the opposing team to a 5-all draw on that head.

From then on, he appeared to crack up badly, while, on the other hand, the Omars brothers gave a splendid exhibition of bowls, chalking up

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MONDAY, DEC. 8

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Manila (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Bangkok, Bangkok, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking: Airmail for Canton, Hongkong and Kowloon (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy and Peking: Airmail for Amoy and Peking (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 8 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 1 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 9

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Amoy and Amoy (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy and Peking: Airmail for Amoy and Peking (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 8 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 1 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

C. Downman, S. Randle and A. J. Hall (Skip), F.M.N. da Silva, Jr., C.V. Marcus, E.M. Alarcon and F.X.M. da Silva (Skip).

The rinks were: S. Shields.

Dockyard Wins In Friendly Cricket

In a friendly cricket game at King's Park yesterday Dockyard beat H.M.S. Constance by 14 runs.

DOCKYARD	H.M.S. CONSTANCE
Glavin, b. Tollday	1 Little, lbw. b. Hughes
Turner, c. Franchise, b. Tollday	2 Holland, c. b. Matthews
Hughes, b. Bird	3 Standish, b. Matthews
Lane, lbw. b. Cooper	4 Stowood, c. Clarke, b. Hughes
Mathews, c. Le. Verge, b. Bird	5 Le. Verge, c. Trout, b. Adams
Frost, c. Cooper, b. Tollday	6 Farnshaw, b. Evans
Musty, b. Tollday	7 Cooper, c. Glavin, b. Evans
Adams not out	8 Blake run out
Clarke, b. Bird	9 Tollday, b. Matthews
Evans, b. Standman	10 Bird not out
Ferry run out	11 Bird not out
Extras	12 Retaway, b. Adams
	13 Extras
Total	43

Bowling:—Tollday 4 for 18, Adams 2 for 0, Hughes, 2 for 7, Evans 2 for 17.

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Expected arrivals from U.S. Atlantic Ports:

ss. "JEAN LAFITTE" 14th December

ss. "FAIRPORT" 6th January

ss. "ANDREW JACKSON" Mid-January

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SAILINGS

S.S. "HINSANG" to Sandakan noon 9th Dec.

S.S. "CHAKSANG" to Singapore, Penang & Bangkok 10th Dec.

S.S. "MAISANG" to Sandakan 16th Dec.

S.S. "WINGSANG" to Kelung & Shanghai 16th Dec.

S.S. "TAKSANG" to Straits & Calcutta 20th Dec.

ARRIVALS

S.S. "CHAKSANG" from Yokohama & Kobe 7 p.m. 7th Dec.

S.S. "HINSANG" from Shanghai & Hongkong 8th Dec.

S.S. "MAISANG" from Shanghai & Hongkong 14th Dec.

S.S. "TAKSANG" from Kelung & Shanghai 16th Dec.

S.S. "HANGSANG" from Calcutta & Straits 19th Dec.

Cargo accepted on Through Bills of Lading for MADRAS via Singapore and for KUALA BELLETON, LABUAN, TAWAU, LADANG-DATU and SEMPOGNA via Sandakan.

General Managers: **AUSTRALIA CHINA LINE LTD.**

S.S. "BALUCHISTAN" Loads for Medan, Labuan, Sandakan, BRISBANE (Direct), Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide 14th DECEMBER. Sails 14th DECEMBER. Also accepts cargo for New Zealand and Fiji on through Bills of Lading.

M.V. "HINDUSTAN" Loaded Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney Due Hong Kong about 24th Dec.

M.V. "KAFRISTAN" Loads Sydney (Inward) late December, Melbourne, Adelaide if sufficient inducement, and Sydney (upward) mid January for Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Agents: **GLEN LINE LTD.**

SAILINGS

M.V. "BRECONSHIRE" Loads for London, Amsterdam, Rotterdam & Hamburg direct via Straits & Suez 8th Dec. sails 10th Dec.

M.V. "DENBIGHSHIRE" Loads for London & Continent via Straits & Suez late Jan.

ARRIVALS

M.V. "DENBIGHSHIRE" Sailed from London 22nd Nov. via Suez & Straits due early Jan.

M.V. "GLENART" Sailed from London 8th Dec. via Suez & Straits due late Jan.

M.V. "RHEKENOR" Sailed from London 10th Dec. via Suez & Straits due Middle Jan.

M.V. "GLENARTNEY" Sailed from London 23rd Dec. via Suez & Straits due early Feb.

Agents: **WESTERN CANADA STEAMSHIP Co., Ltd.**

S.S. "LAKE SUMAS" Due from Vancouver about 13th Dec.

LOADS for TAKAO (Kaohsiung) and VANCOUVER direct about 14th Dec.

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